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SUBJECT: Hi-Mill Contractor

FROM: Mary Elaine Gustafson, RPM

TO: File

Richard and Robert Beard called last week to discuss Techna's performance. They asked me what kind of a job I thought Techna was doing and if I could provide a list of contractors we use for site work in the State of Michigan.

They indicated they didn't want to change contractors immediately, but would like the information for future reference if needed.

Today their three attorneys from Butzel, Long, Gust, Klein & Van Zile called. They asked my opinion of Techna and how I felt about replacing them. The Beards are concerned about the amount of money they are spending.

My advice to the attorneys was not to change at this time. Although Techna's performance has been questionable in the past, they have responded to my demands. Field work will start November 1, 1989. If contractors are changed now we will lose this construction season plus time and money for the Beards and for us.

I suggested we closely watch their performance during the field work and after that time determine if we need to make a change.

The attorneys were also concerned with the deadlines specified in the Administrative Order and ensuing penalties that would occur if a change in contractors was made. I indicated the agency would be willing to work with them if a change in contractors is necessary.

cc: Doug Ballotti

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